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Judge Alexander Lipsey Appointed to Kalamazoo County Business Court

LANSING, MI, May 25, 2016 – The Michigan Supreme Court announced today the appointment of Kalamazoo County Circuit Court Judge Alexander Lipsey to the Kalamazoo County Business Court. Judge Lipsey has served as a Kalamazoo County Circuit Court judge since 2007. As a business court judge, Lipsey will oversee the court's specialized business docket, which includes any case that involves a business or commercial dispute.

"Business courts are designed to resolve cases more efficiently and consistently," said Justice Bridget M. McCormack, the Supreme Court's liaison to business courts. "Business court judges must have knowledge and experience to help them decide cases more quickly so that companies can make decisions and plan for the future based on a clear and timely interpretation of the law."

All circuit courts in Michigan with three or more judges are required by law to have a business court. Statewide, there are currently 16 business courts and more than 900 opinions posted in a searchable online database.

A bankruptcy attorney with more than a decade of experience, Lipsey served as State Representative for Michigan's 60th District from 2000 through 2006, where his committee work focused on economic and business issues. Lipsey was the Vice Mayor of Kalamazoo from 1993 to 1995 and Kalamazoo City Commissioner from 1989 to 1993. A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Lipsey has a B.S. in Physics from Kalamazoo College.

Currently Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court, Judge Lipsey was elected in 2008 and reelected in 2010. He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, the Kalamazoo Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the National Bar Association. He also serves as an Executive Committee Member of the Michigan Judges Association and the Chair of the Court Collections Committee of the State Court Administrative Office. Judge Lipsey presides over the 9th Circuit Court's Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program as lead judge and is an alternate judge for the drug treatment court.